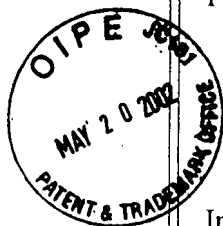


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. A petition for extension of time and appropriate fees accompany this Response.

Status of the Application

Claims 1-2 and 33-55 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4-13, 23-27, and 31-45 are withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as directed to a non-elected invention. The only remaining issue is the rejection of claims 2 and 46-55 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, which is addressed below.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 101 and § 112, first paragraph, enablement

Claim 2 and new claims 46-55 are rejected as allegedly lacking utility, and as a result, non-enabled. The reasons set forth in the instant Office Action are essentially the same